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Teen Link helps new teens

Get used to the Incirlik way of life

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On the cover:

Robert Suminsby III, 14-year-old Teen Link volunteer, heads to the community activity center to check on activities for his new sponsoree. Teen Link is a new Incirlik program to help teens who are new or on their way to Incirlik settle into their new homes. New teens are linked up with teen volunteers who do the same job as military sponsors. See related article Page 5. (Photo by Senior Airman Jessica Switzer)

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Flanked by other U.S. Air Forces in Europe command chief master sergeants, Chief Master Sgt. Gary G. Coleman, USAFE command chief master sergeant, right, and Chief Master Sgt. Stephen K. Hutton, the command chief from the 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy, present Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander, with a formal invitation for induction to the USAFE Order of the Sword June 22. The presentation took place at the 11th Worldwide Command Chief's Conference, held at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. A 33-year Air Force veteran, General Foglesong will become only the sixteenth person inducted into the USAFE Order of the Sword during the induction ceremony to be held Aug. 26.

COMUSAFE to be inducted into Order of the Sword

Master Sgt. Mona Ferrell
 USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) — The U.S. Air Forces in Europe enlisted corps will bestow their highest honor on the USAFE commander Aug. 26 when they induct him into the command's Order of the Sword.

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong accepted the invitation in the presence of USAFE's command chief master sergeants and first sergeants from the First Sergeants Academy during a formal presentation June 22 at the 11th Worldwide Command Chiefs Conference held at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

"This is such serious business," said General Foglesong, overwhelmed by the invitation. "I'm very honored and touched."

Chief Master Sgt. Gary G. Coleman, USAFE

command chief master sergeant, who formally presented General Foglesong with the invitation on behalf of the enlisted corps, said the decision to honor the general was unanimous across the command.

"It's our way — the best way — of honoring General Foglesong for his total dedication, and passionate concern for USAFE enlisted men and women and their families," said Chief Coleman.

"Since taking the USAFE flag, General Foglesong has worked tirelessly supporting the enlisted force under his command," the chief said. "We can take any one of the 15 Combat and Special Interest Programs he's instituted within this command and see that they embody the development of the enlisted force. Strengthening the work and personal

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Protecting people, missions requires vigilance from everyone

By Col. Michael Gardiner
39th Air Base Wing commander

It is amazing how much information can be gathered on a person by just paying attention to their habits and routines.

You can tell when pay day is just by noting when the most people go to the commissary and base exchange or shop off base. You can tell when holidays are by watching decorations go up around base. You can be sure our adversaries are watching all of these things and more.

There are things we cannot control that give away information, but the things we can control we should. Just because a piece of information is not classified or for official use only does not mean it is okay to give that information away. In fact, information used against us is often openly available to anyone who knows where to look and what to ask.

A casual conversation between friends, overheard by the wrong people, can be a gold mine of information. Friends will talk about things they are doing at work or things spouses are doing. While this kind of information may seem harmless, you never know what kind of information our enemies already have.

With all of the activity at Incirlik, it is important to keep operational security in mind whenever you can. Information gathering can be likened to trying to put together a puzzle with the pieces you found under the couch: every piece may come from a different location and contain just a small portion of the entire picture, but if you find enough pieces you can figure out what the puzzle will look like when put together.

Keeping these pieces out of the hands of our enemies is the re-

sponsibility of every person on this base.

Today's society is so focused on communication that it can be difficult to practice good OPSEC. The term "loose lips sink ships" may be truer now than ever. But, if you remember just a few basic rules, you may keep that vital piece of the puzzle out of enemy hands.

Certain forms of communication are less secure than others. Two of these are cellular telephones and e-mail. Neither of these is very secure. They may be some of the least secure forms of communication available, so think hard before hitting send or making that call. Consider who may be listening in and if there is a more secure way of getting the information out. There are proper channels for discussing classified information; use them.

When you are out and about in the local community or on vacation, pay attention to any unusual activity or people in the area, especially if there is someone asking unusual or very specific questions. If this happens, report it right away to the law enforcement desk at 6-3200.

OPSEC is also a key component of force protection and antiterrorism. Antiterrorism relies heavily on OPSEC as a means of denying terrorists information that identifies targets to them. Our most precious asset is our people and keeping them safe requires us to keep as much information as we can out of enemy hands.

A vehicle with blatantly American or Air Force stickers may be fine in the United States, but overseas it is the same as painting a target on your back. Keeping a low profile in the local community is key to keeping ourselves, our friends and our families safe.

Do not be the one to give away the critical piece of the puzzle. Be aware of your actions and practice good OPSEC.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. Michael Gardiner,
39th Air Base Wing commander

Promotion lists

The master and technical sergeant promotion lists came out last week and I would like to congratulate all of the Incirlik warriors who were selected for promotion. The entire list of promotees is on Page 7 of this week's Tip of the Sword. Keep up the good work!

Essay and Art Contest

Many base children participated in the Incirlik 50th Anniversary essay and art contest. All the participants did their best and created beautiful works of art and prose. I would like to thank all the participants and

offer my congratulations to the winners of the contest:

Essay Contest:

1st place – Calvin Singh

2nd place – Noelle Grace Ochinang

3rd place – Joshua Van Alstine

Art Contest:

1st place – Kayla Managan

2nd place – Arianna Thong

3rd place – Samantha Deavila

Most creative or colorful – Brooke Burden

Heat Safety

The temperature is rising and I have already heard many complain about the heat. It is important to remember how dangerous the heat can be. Drink plenty of water and try to work out during the cooler parts of the day like early morning or after sunset. This should help prevent any injuries from the heat. If you do feel sick, tell someone right away and keep an eye on other people around you. If someone seems to be having problems, take them out of the heat right away and get them something to drink such as water or a sports drink. Remember, we all have to look out for each other to keep the

mission going.

Force Protection

The long Independence Day weekend is just around the corner and I want to remind everyone they need to plan in advance. If you are going anywhere, you need to make sure your commander knows where you are going and how to get in touch with you in an emergency.

If you are going on a road trip, check your vehicle carefully before you head out to make sure there are not any problems with it. You should also make sure you are prepared in case of an emergency. Take a cell phone programmed with important numbers, a first aid kit, a blanket and make sure you have everything you need to change a flat tire.

Keep a low profile while traveling and avoid anything that looks like a demonstration. For more information, keep an eye on the commander's access channel or look out for the American Forces Network - Incirlik crawlers. Both of these will display information you need to know. Be safe and have a great weekend!

Action Line

Airmen behavior in Turkish vacation town disgraces entire base, puts people at risk

Complaint: While traveling in Alanya, military members decided to have a party at our hotel that got way out of hand from the start. They were loudly yelling about the military and work-related issues, made fun of the Germans staying in the hotel, used profanity excessively, and discussed the female body in a perverted context. I can only assume that a lot of alcohol was involved.

The hotel personnel asked them several times to keep it down and they did not. It was not until after hotel security forced the party to move around 11:30 p.m. that things calmed down. There was also a truck parked at the front door of the hotel. The Air Force and Texas stickers on the windows were good indicators that American military and their families were staying at the hotel.

I am shocked because I know such behavior is not allowed on base. Military members representing the United States in such a manner at a public place in another country is unacceptable and shameful.

I have small children who were exposed this behavior. They were also put in danger by the Airmen's blatant disregard for force protection. This behavior put everyone at the hotel at risk, not just the "partiers."

Over all, I have to say I am happy we all made it home safely. With the lack of force protection displayed, it was a miracle something bad did not happen.

Response: Thank you for bringing to my attention some very valid issues. I am disappointed to hear that military members from this installation conducted themselves this way while off base. It is a discredit to the United States, the Air Force and themselves.

Such behavior is not tolerated on base, and leaving the base is not a free pass for personnel to go "wild." Personnel are expected to conduct themselves with the same professionalism and level of maturity off base as they would on the installation.

In the future, please ask individuals for their name, rank and the unit they are assigned to. It is every military member's responsibility to report such incidents to commanders or first sergeants.

Turkey has a number of exciting and

exotic places to visit, but everyone needs to remember that wherever they go, they are representatives of the Air Force and the United States.

The actions of military personnel reflect on all of us. Do not ruin the experience for other military members and their families who come behind you by leaving a bad impression on our host nation.

The Antiterrorism/Force Protection office is engaged in a daily effort to educate wing personnel on practicing sound personal-protective measures. With the tourist season in full swing, we will send out more reminders and educational information to squadron commanders to address with their personnel.

I thank you for your personal commitment to force protection.

Commander's Action Line program

The Action Line program provides an avenue for the Incirlik community to voice their concerns, complaints and opinions to Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander.

The program should only be used after you've tried resolving the issue through your chain of command.

Submit Action Lines by e-mailing action.line@incirlik.af.mil or calling the 39th Public Affairs Office at 6-6060.

Concerns will be edited to 300 words or less. Questions and responses may be printed in the *Tip of the Sword*.

YOUR TURN

What is your favorite summertime activity?

"My favorite summertime activity is probably swimming. I like the water."

— Lisa Casterline, Incirlik family member



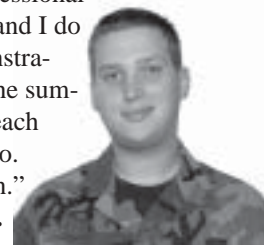
"I guess my favorite summertime activity is just hanging out with friends. I don't really swim or hike, but my birthday is in the summer so that's fun."

— Airman 1st Class Seneca Blount, 39th Security Forces Squadron



"I'm a professional yo-yo player and I do a lot of demonstrations during the summer. I get to teach youth to yo-yo. It's a lot of fun."

— Staff Sgt. Erek Smith, Official Document Center



"My favorite summertime activity is going to the sea and snorkeling, scuba diving and just walking on the beach."

— Casey Wichlacz, Family Advocacy



"As of right now I think hosting barbecues and swimming are my favorite summertime activities."

— Noel Hudon, Life Skills



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

New program offers inbound teens link to Turkey

By Capt. Denise Burnham
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Summer time is here and many people are gearing up for permanent change of station season: active duty, their spouses and arguably the most affected, their teenage children.

The transition of moving overseas is easier when military members are appointed a sponsor who provides information about the local area and services available on base and who makes special arrangements ahead of time. Inbound teens now have their own sponsor program available to them through Teen Link.

Teen Link is a program that orientates inbound seventh through twelfth graders to Incirlik Air Base and Turkish culture and traditions.

"Teen Link began from hearing present teens say, 'when I first arrived I didn't know anyone,'" said Carol Schubeck, Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Services counselor, at life skills support center. "This program provides an outlet for them to meet other teens before school begins."

In addition to learning about the base and local area, teens will participate in many programs sponsored by base agencies like the teen center, youth services, library and chapel. They will be offered an Army and Air Force Exchange Service tour to learn about employment opportunities on base. Teens will be linked to a sponsor who will maintain contact for two weeks and provide the support needed to help them make the transition.

"Teens are normally active and eager to participate in activities with peers. Every teen worries about a move and has difficulty speaking with adults about the level of worry," said Ms. Schubeck. "Teen sponsors will provide an incoming teen with friendship and activities."

Teen Link sponsors were recruited at Incirlik American High School during May and June. The program officially began here June 16 when

seven teens were assigned a sponsor.

Inbound parents have several venues to learn about the Teen Link program. Information about Teen Link is briefed every week at newcomers orientation and parents may sign up their teens with a consent form that same day.

There is a slide on the commander's access channel about the program and brochures are available to inbound teens at the places teens may frequent and the Hodja Inn. Teen sponsors are constantly monitored and are provided feedback by ASACS Counselor and life skills staff. Sponsors also receive a free Teen Link T-shirt for their participation.

"Teens have the most difficulty moving of any age group," said Ms. Schubeck. "A teen is normally moving more toward peers and away from total family influence. Until age 12 a child takes the identity of his or her parents. But after that, a teen begins to form their own identity which is done through multiple friendships of peers and other adults."

"By providing the link we hope to prevent teens from isolating themselves or participating in unhealthy activities such as alcohol or other illegal substances," she continued.

The new program will truly be put to the test this summer during the heavy PCS season.

"Feedback on the program has been excellent from everyone thus far," said Ms. Schubeck. "Many people have told me they wish the program was available when they moved here."

Parents can assist their teen with the move and change by keeping family rules the same. If a teen is demonstrating a difficult transition, contact the life skills support center or an ASACS counselor for further evaluation and support.

For more information about the Teen Link program contact Ms. Schubeck at Incirlik High School at 6-6330.

FSC, others help families left behind by recent deployments

By Senior Airman Jessica Switzer
39th Air Base Wing public Affairs

Deployments can be a difficult time for families left behind but the family support center has a program in place to help them out.

"The FSC offers special programs for deployed member's families like Kids Movie Day, phone cards and free oil change coupons from the auto skills center," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Southwell, Family readiness NCO. "Squadron key spouses act as liaisons between commanders, first sergeants and spouses to make sure that families are staying connected to the unit and the community."

The concept of helping families left behind during deployments came from the realization that Airmen downrange cannot properly focus on getting their mission done if they are worried about their families back home. The network of base agencies and seasoned spouses helps relieve the stress put on families when the active-duty member is gone.

"We are in the midst of the largest deploy-

ment from Incirlik in its history," said Julie Halstead, community readiness technician and key spouse. "A number of families are, or will be, without their sponsor over the coming months. Key spouses have been in these spouses shoes before and can offer good advice on weathering the separation."

Combat Care is the U.S. Air Forces in Europe program focusing on supporting families who are experiencing deployments. Teams from places like child and youth services, the base chapel, life skills and other volunteers help families from pre-deployment through to readjusting after the military member returns.

"The combat care team works with squadrons and base organizations to make sure families are connected to activities, other families and community events," said Mrs. Halstead. "Key spouses can help other spouses get help for challenges that can seem overwhelming at the time."

Even people who aren't directly associated with the Combat Care program can help out.

"Anyone on base can help support fami-

lies during a deployment by having them over for dinner, offering to babysit occasionally or just calling to see how their week is going," said Sergeant Southwell. "Every little bit helps."

People who need help while their spouse is deployed or anyone who is interested in helping the Combat Care team out can stop by the family support center at building 3850 or calling 6-6755.

Combat Care is a U.S. Air Forces in Europe program designed to improve the care, attention and information flow to spouses and families and create a sense of community among those coping with deployments. For more information or to volunteer, the family support center at 6-6755.



Two USAFE officers chosen for 'Thunderbirds'

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS)—Two U.S. Air Forces in Europe fighter pilots, including the Department of Defense's first female jet demonstration team pilot, found out June 16 they will be joining the elite U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron "Thunderbirds" team for the 2006 air demonstration season.

Joining the Thunderbirds Diamond formation in the No. 3 right wing position is Capt. Nicole Malachowski, currently assigned to the 494th Fighter Squadron, 48th Fighter Wing, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England. The F-15E fighter pilot recently returned from her squadron's Middle East deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Captain Malachowski turns a new page in the history books as the first-ever female demonstration pilot on a U.S. military fighter jet demo team.

In addition, joining the team in the No. 8 position is Capt. Tad Clark, an F-16CJ pilot assigned to the 52nd Operations Support Squadron, 52nd Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. He will be the team's advance pilot and air demonstration coordina-

tor, news media and celebrity orientation flight pilot, as well as provide the voice of the Thunderbirds as narrator.

The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron is an Air Combat Command unit, assigned to the 57th Wing, Air Warfare Center, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. The team is comprised of eight fighter pilots (including the team's six air demonstration pilots), four mission support officers, four Air Force and contractor civilians and approximately 120 enlisted Airmen serving in more than 29 career specialties. The military members are all competitively selected for the team.

A Thunderbirds' demonstration is a mix formation of six aircraft, performing formation flying and solo routines. The four-aircraft diamond formation demonstrates the training and precision of Air Force pilots, while the two solos highlight the maximum capabilities of the Lockheed Martin F-16C Fighting Falcon.

The team's first performance was June 8, 1953 at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz, where Native American Indian legend and lore gave birth to the team's name. Since then, the



Capt. Nicole Malachowski, recently selected for the 2006 U.S. Air Force Air demonstration Squadron, "Thunderbirds" team, is the first female demonstration pilot on any high performance jet team.

Thunderbirds have flown before more than 310 million people at 3,944 air demonstrations in all 50 states and more than 60 foreign countries.

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environments of members throughout USAFE, the general has not only made USAFE the best place to live and work, but he's created an environment for our Airmen to grow – spiritually, mentally and physically.”

A 33-year Air Force veteran who has commanded USAFE since August 2003, General Foglesong will become only the 16th recipient honored with the USAFE Order of the Sword when the enlisted corps formally induct him in August.

“This is not an award we present lightly; every Airman in this command can take pride in this induction,” Chief Coleman said. “We are honoring a great leader whose vision and focus has ensured we are ready to fight and postured to respond anywhere in the world, while providing superior services to you – the world-class men and women of USAFE.”

It's also not an award the general is taking lightly.

“My dad was an NCO in the U.S. Navy and I fully realize what this induction means,” said the general, who plans to send the induction announcement to his mother. “I couldn't be more humbled, and I know my mother will be proud.”

The Order of the Sword is the highest honor the Air Force enlisted corps can bestow on an officer. The tradition dates back to medieval times, when noncommissioned officers presented their leaders with a sword as a symbolic gesture of loyalty. It is patterned after two orders of chivalry founded in Europe during the Middle Ages — the Royal Order of the Sword and the Swedish Military Order of the Sword. Both orders still exist today.

For more information about the August ceremony, contact your wing command chief or first sergeant.

DOD launches sexual assault prevention Web site for victims

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Servicemembers who are victims of sexual assault or who need information on the Defense Department policy on preventing sexual assaults can find the information at a new Web site.

The site, launched by Joint Task Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, is basically a place to go to for information, said Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain, the task force commander.

The site has links to all the services' Web sites related to the sexual assault issue. It spells out what people can do if they are victims of sexual assault, the general said.

The designers of the new site, which recently went live, had to name the site with the initials of the organization — sapr.mil — rather than something like “sexualassault.mil” because too many firewalls would block out a request under that name, the general said.

The site is more than just a reporting site. If anyone has questions about the policy, the answers are available on the Web site.

“Because it is a DOD site, one could access this one site and get the overarching information,” General McClain said. “Since we link to the service Web sites, an individual could get that information, too.”

If a commander or a first sergeant has questions, this site should provide the answers, but if not, they can send an e-mail via the site to a Joint Task Force member.

General McClain said the group already is thinking of improvements.

“We will add other things as we get them done,” she said. “We're readying a commander's checklist on sexual assault prevention, for example.”

Tech, master promotion rates announced Incirlik promotes 56 to master, 68 to tech.

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Air Force officials have selected 6,630 of 25,454 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant; and 9,116 of 43,379 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant.

The master sergeant selection rate rose 0.10 percent from last year to 26.05 percent, while this year's technical sergeant rate dropped 0.56 percent from last year to 21.01 percent.

"The rates this year are very close to last year's rates, but we have more eligibles this year," said Chief Master Sgt. Dale Kenney, Air Force Personnel Center's enlisted promotions branch chief here. "The higher eligibility pool gives us the opportunity to promote more individuals.

"The message is clear," Chief Kenney said. "The opportunity for more responsibility, and the higher rank to go with it, is there for Airmen (who) demonstrate through performance and preparation the desire to be promoted."

The average master sergeant selectee score for the 05E7 master sergeant test cycle was 345.81 points, based on the following:

- ♦ 134.41 Enlisted Performance Reports.
- ♦ 76.60 Promotion Fitness Exam.
- ♦ 62.77 Specialty Knowledge Test.
- ♦ 29.35 Time in Grade.
- ♦ 36.05 Time in Service.
- ♦ 12.28 Decorations.

The average master sergeant selectee has 3.81 years time in grade and 17.26 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to master sergeant August 2005 to July 2006.

The average selectee score for the 05E6 technical sergeant test cycle was 313.49 points, based on the following:

- ♦ 133.15 Enlisted Performance Reports.
- ♦ 66.81 Promotion Fitness Exam.
- ♦ 53.88 Specialty Knowledge Test.
- ♦ 34.25 Time in Grade.
- ♦ 24.33 Time in Service.
- ♦ 5.60 Decorations.

The average technical sergeant selectee has 4.63 years time in grade and 11.04 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to technical sergeant August 2005 to July 2006.

"There are (about) 3,500 noncommissioned officers who haven't tested yet because they are currently deployed or have just returned from a deployment," Chief Kenney said. "They will be allowed to test once they return and will automatically be considered for promotion. Supplemental promotions are announced on a monthly basis until everyone has been considered." (*Courtesy of AFPC News Service*)

The Incirlik promotees are:

To master sergeant:

39th Air Base Wing: Edwin Lamboy
39th Civil Engineer Squadron: Randal Halstead and Jose Cerna

39th Communications Squadron: Brian Blair, Dwight Carns, William Gomez, Douglas Jarman, Nichole McPherson, Steven Mullens, Danny Stiles and Hans Van Driel

39th Contracting Squadron: John Dubois, William Robbins and Rose Mason

39th Comptroller Squadron: Jeffrey Keen
39th Logistics Readiness Squadron: James Milne, Mariann Rosenquest, Matthew Sanders, Rodney Johnson, Darryl Combs, Mona Lipscombe and Olando Watt

39th Medical Squadron: Kenneth Bogner, Herbert Johnson, Rustam Jumani and Yvonne Watson

39th Mission Support Squadron: Shannon Carter, David Gonzales and Gloria Witcher

39th Maintenance Squadron: Chad Marie, Stephen Martin, Randy Mackenthun, Kent Troyer, Robert Wagner and Don Donato

39th Operations Squadron: Kevin Knox, Mark McCann and James Mull

39th Security Forces Squadron: Ronald Lee, Brian Lewis and Norman Watson

39th Services Squadron: Darryl Ross

425th Air Base Squadron: Gervada Lee, Peter Nusspickel, Jeffrey Persinger, L'Tanya Williams, Margaret Williams, Stephan Richardson and James Rush

728th Air Mobility Squadron: Paul McCorkel, Steven Parker, Teresa Steele, Wayne Donnelly, Eric Wilson and Michael Forrester

Detachment 7 American Forces – Incirlik: Bobby Herron

To technical sergeant:

39th ABW: Brian May, Richard McAfee and Julian Silva

39th CS: Ted Beveridge, William Collier, Jason Suffoletta, Steve Thompson and Shane Wacaster

39th CONS: Richard Shipman

39th LRS: Ronald Evenson, Melinda Geiger, Sacha Martinez, Jeffrey Murphy, Santiba Seabrooks and La'Sherree Watson

39th MDG: Marlana Blackman, Eric Devese, Scott Gardner, Angela Herron, Eric Liwanag, Edlyn Price, Lakiesha Toney, Sonia Rincon and Kelly Rupert

39th MSS: Kimmie Coates and Aileen Jenam

39th Maintenance Group: Lucas Dechant

39th MXS: Denise Blair, Matthew Klemish, Alexander Thomas, Steven Williams, Cedric Smith, Brady Steffen, Travis Madden, Brian Norman and Dennie Schoenenberger,

39th OS: Natasha Campbell, Robert Clark, Daniel McAndrew and Leah Shipp

39th SFS: Ryan Purvis, Christopher Alamo, William Gualke, Eric Alber, Joseph Berlotti, David Strachan, Rodney Banes, Joshua Wickster, Jeffrey Pastva and Stacie Conrey

39th SVS: Tinisha Johnston

425th ABS: Thomas Churchill, Berlinda Hall and Robin Richardson

728th AMS: Duane Bennett, Kevin Drake, Christopher Ginbey, John Overturf, Jeffrey Versanaky, Shawn Tague, Adam Sinclair, James Donaldson, Thomas Shockley, Gwenell Price, Jerry Lawson, Carl Dorsey and James Scott

DET7 AFN-I: Eugene Taylor

IN THE NEWS

Immigration Day

Immigration Day is 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday. Embassy and consulate staff will accept I-30 applications for Visas along with the cash fee of \$185 by appointment only. For more information, or for an appointment, call Nancy Shrope at 6-6755.

Promotion ceremony

The monthly promotion ceremony is 3 p.m. Thursday in the club ballroom. For more information, call Master Sgt. Chuck Collins at 6-6364.

Sultan's Inn closure

The Sultan's Inn Dining Facility will close at 8 a.m. after breakfast July 6 until 4:30 a.m. July 9 for hood and exhaust system cleaning. For more information, call Andrew Pastula at 6-6016.

Check cashing limit

Until further notice the finance check cashing limit is \$500 per week. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Tina Bennett at 6-3204.

Sports physicals

Appointments are available in the pediatric clinic every Thursday afternoon, except the third Thursday of every month, through the end of August. For more information or to make an appointment, call 6-6173 or 6-6174.

Mosquito fogging

The 39th Civil Engineering Squadron will fog for mosquitoes Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at "dusk" through the summer months. People should not walk, ride, run stay or follow behind the chemical fog vehicle. For more information, call Orhan Bayik at 6-6123 or 6-6124 or Edwin Spalding at 6-6762.

Vehicle inspections

A car needs to have a safety inspection every two years and a van, truck or sport utility vehicle must have a safety inspection every year. Emissions tests are conducted every year for all vehicles. For more information call pass and identification at 6-6617.

Into the light

New policy helps sexual assault victims get the services they need

By Senior Airman Jessica Switzer

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Sexual assault can wreak havoc on the victim's life. It can take away their ability to trust other people and their feeling of being in control of their own life. A new Air Force policy aims to change that feeling of helplessness into hope.

"In the past, when a girl was raped and reported it, an investigation was automatically started whether they wanted one or not," said Capt. Brandon Christensen, 39th Air Base Wing sexual assault response coordinator. "What the Air Force has found is that the victims didn't want an investigation started. They were worried about what other people would think or how the people they worked with would react when they found out about the sexual assault, so they wouldn't report it."

The new Air Force policy allows active-duty or active-reserve or guard Airmen who are victims of sexual assault, regardless of when the assault occurred, to make a restricted, or anonymous, report to the SARC or on-duty medical personnel and get the help they need without starting an investigation or it being reported to command. A report to anyone else will generate the normal investigative process.

"The Air Force wanted to find a way to get people to report an assault and get them the physical, mental and spiritual services they needed without starting an investigation or singling them out unless that was what they wanted," said Captain Christensen. "Once a victim is made known to me, we will sit down and talk. I'll ask what services he or she wants and get it for them. I won't say anything to their commander or anyone else without their permission."

There is a SARC assigned to every base in the Air Force. Right now Incirlik's SARC, Capt. Kim Bell, has not arrived yet so Captain Christensen and Capt. Nancy Morin are filling the position until Cap-

tain Bell arrives.

"A lot of people associate me with my regular job (family advocacy officer) and may be nervous about reporting a sexual assault to me," said Captain Christensen. "But this is a totally separate role. I have 100 percent confidentiality in my role as SARC."

Installation SARCs are the center of gravity when it comes to ensuring that victims of sexual assault get care that is appropriate to their needs, said Teresa Beasley, U.S. Air Forces in Europe SARC in a recent USAFE news article. SARCs have oversight responsibility for base victim advocates, track the dispositions of all military sexual assault cases for their area of responsibility and provide regular updates to wing vice commanders.

The SARC will update the wing vice commander when a restricted report is received but it does not contain any identifying information.

"Usually it's something along the lines of 'an Airman was raped by one offender in the dorm parking lot at night within the last 30 days,'" said Captain Christensen. "I just keep it to the number of victims, number of offenders, whether it happened at night or during the day, a general location and the nature of the assault."

These reports are used to identify possible contributing factors. For example, if there were four assaults in dorm parking lots in the last six months, the wing vice commander may consider increasing security forces patrols of all dorm parking lots or putting up more lights to try to prevent any more assaults from happening, he said.

The new policy is already in effect and people who want to make a restricted report can call the SARC hotline at 6-SARC or 6-7272.

"There isn't anyone in the SARC office right now so the phone will ring four times and then transfer to the command post," said Captain Christensen. "Just tell whoever picks up that you want to talk to the SARC and they will find me or Captain Morin and transfer you to us. Someone will answer, just stay on the line."

Working together

Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander, and Brig. Gen. H. Levent Turkman, 10th Tanker Base commander, work together to cut the ribbon on a bench commemorating 50 years of cooperation for Incirlik's 50th Anniversary June 16 in front of building 833. The bench dedication was just one of the events held commemorating the anniversary. Other events included an international sports day, a dessert social and a formal dinner.



Photo by Airman Dawn Duman



Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, *Host Nation Adviser*

Going bananas

Question: Mehmet, I noticed the bananas we get here are smaller than the ones we get in the states. Are bananas grown in Turkey or imported?

Reponse: Bananas are both grown in Turkey and imported. The bananas grown in Turkey are smaller than the imported ones. The center of banana growing in Turkey is Anamur, a town on the Mediterranean shore between Adana and Antalya. The bananas grown in Turkey are named after that town, Anamur bananas. Even though they are smaller than imported ones, many believe they have a better smell and taste.

Anamur bananas were the only type in Turkey until the mid 1980s. After imported bananas were introduced, local bananas had difficulty competing with the imported ones. Imported bananas cost less and are available throughout the year. Many farmers in Anamur stopped growing bananas because of this. In recent years, Anamur bananas started to show up in the market again. Right now, Anamur bananas cost about ten percent less than imported bananas.

There are many banana plantations on the drive to Alanya or Antalya. There are even banana trees here in the housing area in some yards.

Turkey has various types of weather, from very cold to very mild, in various regions. For that reason, Turkey grows almost all kinds of vegetables and fruit. For instance, although it is known as a tropical fruit, farmers started growing kiwi in Turkey recently. Farmers on the Black Sea shores, Rize-Trabzon area, provide kiwi to Turkish markets.

Cotton is known to grow in warm weather. That is why Adana is the center of cotton production. But cotton is grown in Igdir plain as well. Believe it or not, Igdir is on the skirts of Mount Ararat in eastern Turkey.

Turkey is quite rich with various types of agricultural products. The Aegean region



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Trucks are not allowed into downtown Adana during peak traffic hours. Buses and Trucks traveling between cities are encouraged use toll roads to cut down on city traffic.

mainly grows figs and seedless grapes; the Black Sea region mainly grows hazel nuts (Turkey is the main producer of hazel nuts for the world); and the southeastern region mainly grows pistachios.

A question of etiquette

Question: Mehmet, one of my Turkish co-worker's father died recently. May I send flowers? What is the appropriate response in Turkey?

Response: There are a number of things you can do to express your condolences for such a loss. In Turkey, the body is normally buried within 24 hours.

You could have sent a wreath of flowers to the funeral, but it is too late. Now, you can visit the family and extend your condolences. You might even take with you or send some cooked food, for lunch or dinner, to the family during the seven-day mourning period. That is appropriate because the family is busy hosting relatives and visitors.

Although writing a card and getting it signed by co-workers is not common in Turkey, it is still appreciated. But, visiting the family in-person to extend your condolences is the most appropriate and appreciated thing to do.

Traffic jam

Question: Whenever I go to Adana after work I see a long line of trucks before entering the city. I noticed traffic police directing the trucks into a line. Why is that?

Response: That line of trucks is there in the mornings and evenings on both sides of

the city.

To ease traffic congestion, trucks are banned from entering downtown Adana during peak traffic hours from 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Trucks and buses running between cities are encouraged to use toll roads so they won't contribute to city traffic congestion.

In Turkish

meyve - fruit
(may - veh)

muz - banana
(mooz)

elma - apple
(el - mah)

incir - fig
(in - jühr)

karpuz - watermelon
(car - pooz)

kavun - melon
(cah - woon)

cicek - flower
(chee - check)

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.

Air Force OneSource

Face-to-face counseling available to Airmen, families

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Sometimes an Airman needs someone to talk to, and although his or her supervisor or friends are available, they are not always the right ones to listen.

The Air Force, as part of a larger effort within the Department of Defense, offers Airmen a professional, private, face-to-face counseling as part of the Air Force OneSource program.

“Air Force OneSource is part of the total system of support that is available at all Air Force bases,” said Brenda Liston, Air Force family matters chief. “It is available to active duty, Reserve and National Guard members, whether they are activated or not.”

The OneSource program has been available for more than a year now and provides Airmen and their families with information and referral services for education, medical, financial, deployment, return and reunion issues. In July, the program will be expanded to include face-to-face counseling services for Airmen and their families.

The program makes free counseling services available to help Airmen and their families deal with marital and relationship problems, deployment or redeployment stress, grief and other nonclinical issues.

“This even includes couples counseling for Airmen (who) are single and having relationship issues,” Ms. Liston said. “It is easily accessible for our Air Force people dealing with family issues such as returning from deployment, reintegration, grief counseling, couple’s concerns or any number of issues a couple, an Airman or a family member would like to speak with a counselor about.”

Any active-duty Airman, reservist or guardsman or their immediate family members can access the service, Ms. Liston said.

“It is available to anyone carrying a military identification card — family or Airmen, active or reserve, activated or not,” she said. “Even if you aren’t married, you can take your nearest and dearest to talk with a counselor about relationship issues.”

Airmen who want to take advantage of the service need only call the Air Force OneSource telephone number to talk to an online con-

sultant. The consultant will take demographic data from the Airman, make an assessment of the issue he or she has, and then help the Airman choose the best course of action. The service can also be accessed by visiting local family support centers.

If counseling is needed, a consultant will help the Airman set up an appointment with a licensed civilian counselor in the local community. The service comes at no cost to servicemembers and their families, and Airmen are entitled to up to six counseling sessions per issue.

Counseling services are available for nonclinical issues only, however. The service does not handle medical issues involving alcoholism, depression, drug abuse or abuse in the family. In those cases, Airmen will be put in contact with appropriate military agencies. The service also has an obligation to report instances of drug use or physical abuse to the authorities. In all other situations, Ms. Liston said, Airmen can expect the same level of privacy they would with base agencies.

“The face-to-face counseling program is filling a gap we have had for years,” Ms. Liston said. “There is clinical counseling available now through Tricare or mental health, but they have never done nonclinical counseling before.”

Helping Airmen and their families deal with problems before those problems escalate not only helps Airmen, it helps get the mission accomplished, Ms. Liston said.

“A lot of times issues that become really difficult and (affect the) mission started out with a small issue, like how to readjust when you come home from deployment,” she said. “Problems can be resolved at the lower level before they escalate into real problems.”

Air Force OneSource is available anytime by phone internationally at (800) 7075-7844 or collect at (484) 530-5913. The program is also available in Spanish at (800) 375-5971 and to the deaf or hard of hearing, via TTY/TDD at (800) 346-9188. Airmen may also visit the program Web site at www.airforceonesource.com. The site requires customers to log on by using “airforce” as the user ID and “ready” as the password.



Photo by Airman Dawn Duman

Ready, set ...

Swimmers brace for the start of the men’s 400 meter freestyle event June 17 during the Incirlik 50th Anniversary sports day. Other sports day events included a five kilometer run, volleyball, softball and basketball. Both Turkish and American participants competed in the events.

THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

Final Friday

Final Friday is 5 to 7 p.m. today at the club complex. The event is hosted by the 39th Medical Squadron and the theme is M.A.S.H. For more information, call the club at 6-6101.

Swimming pool

Pool passes are on sale at the pool. Individual passes are \$30 per month and \$100 for the year. Family passes are \$40 per month and \$135 for the year. Aqua aerobics passes are \$30 per month. Day passes are \$2 for ages 1 to 12 years old and \$2.50 for those older than 12. For more information, call the pool at 6-3442.

Aqua Aerobics are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the base pool. Cost is \$30 per month. For more information, call the pool at 6-3442.

Stars and Strikes

People can go to the Magic Carpet Bowling Center and participate in the stars and strikes program for a chance to win prizes. The program runs until Aug. 14. For more information, call the bowling center at 6-6789.

Family learning

Department of Defense Education Activity is sponsoring a Summer Family Learning in Math and Science Web page. Links provided on the DoDEA Web site lead to a number of Web sites featuring lessons, activities and games for students and their parents. For more information, go to www.dodea.edu/instruction/cirriculum/SummerLearning.

Women's Soccer

The base women's soccer team meets 2 p.m. Sundays at the high school soccer field. Anyone who wants to learn or play can attend. For more information, call Stephanie Martin at 6-6810.

Bingo

Bingo is open to all club card holders 18 years and older Wednesdays in the club ballroom. Card sales start at 5 p.m. For more information, call 6-6101.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Special Agent Amy Gregory
Air Force Office of Special Investigation
Detachment 522

Time in service: 10 years

Hometown: Omaha, Neb.

Time on station: Six months

Hobbies: Sports and reading

Why did you join the Air Force? I joined the Air Force to obtain my degree. I still have many years to go. I am working on my

masters.

What do you like the most about Turkey?

I like the camaraderie at Incirlik the best.

How do you contribute to the mission?

I assist in detecting possible threats to Incirlik personnel in various locations throughout Turkey.

What Air Force core value best describes you and why?

Service before self ... in OSI, as with many careerfields in the Air Force, you have to be willing to dedicate additional time and energy to the mission. Knowing the job you do not only impacts the base you are at, but the Air Force as a whole.

Supervisor's quote:

"Special Agent Gregory's positive attitude and relentless work ethic has had a direct impact on our unit's ability to provide timely criminal and terrorist threat information to the 39th Air Base Wing officials," said Special Agent Reuben Dozier, OSI Detachment 522 superintendent. "She is a key member of one of the best force protection teams in U.S. Air Forces in Europe."

Classifieds

Yard sale: A yard sale is 8 a.m. to noon. July 2 at 2961B Kastamonu Ct. in Phantom housing. Items for sale include baby and children's clothes, toys, books, stroller and other baby items. Golf clubs and other items are also available. For more information, call Stephanie at 6-2357.

For sale: 1987 Toyota Hilux Surf truck. Asking \$1,000 or best offer.

For more information, call 6-5395.

For sale: Like new Siemens CF62 mobile phone with SIM card, all accessories, car adaptor, leather case and 200 units included. \$200 O.B.O. For more information, call 6-2283.

For sale: Hitachi 29 inch flat screen multi system television and Digiturk satellite dish. \$400 for both. Will sell separately. For more information, call 6-2283.

For Sale: Sectional sofa navy blue with additional multicolor cushions. Asking \$200 O.B.O. For more information, call Carrie at 6-2565.



Extreme Summer is a U.S. Air Forces in Europe program that gives out points and prizes for using base facilities and programs.

Play to win prizes, trips, cars and more. Visit any services facility to register or log on to www.extremesummer.com.

It only takes 300 points to qualify for a chance to win one of the monthly prize drawings for a trip to the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch, Germany.

The Community Center is the Extreme Summer Headquarters here.

For more information, call 6-6966 or visit www.extremesummer.com.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Bradley Lail

Sports Day race

Members of Team Incirlik participate in a 5 kilometer run during the Incirlik 50th Anniversary Sports Day June 17. People from all over the base, American and Turkish, participated in the run. Other activities at the sports day included basketball, volleyball and swimming.

COMBAT, SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

Project Wizard

The library is accepting photos of castles for their **photo contest**. Photos can be of any castle anywhere. All ages are welcome to enter the contest. The deadline is Aug. 31. For more information, call 6-6759.

Children's story hour is 10:30 a.m. Fridays at the library for all children ages 3 to 5. Children get a story craft project and snack. For more information, call 6-6759.

Combat Touch happenings

The **Crossroads Cafe** opens at 7 p.m. Fridays for people over 18 years of age and 6 p.m. Saturdays for all ages. For information, call 6-6441.

Hours for Sunday worship services at the base chapel in building 945 are:

Protestant:

8 a.m. – Traditional worship service
11:15 a.m. – Gospel worship service
6 p.m. – Contemporary service

Catholic:

9 a.m. – Reconciliation
9:30 a.m. – Mass

Daily Mass is 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The chapel also has points of contact for Jewish, Wiccan and Jehova's Witness. For these and any other faiths, call the base chapel at 6-6441.



AT THE OASIS

Today

7 p.m. – Fever Pitch (PG-13) – Starring Drew Barrymore and Jimmy Fallon. When Lindsey a big time executive meets funny and charming high school teacher Ben they hit it off until Lindsey realizes Ben is a Red Sox fan. (107 minutes)

9 p.m. – Sin City (R) – Starring Bruce Willis and Mickey Rourke. Sin City is a violent city where the police department is as corrupt as the streets are deadly. There's the street thug Marv, whose desperate quest to find the killer of a prostitute named Goldie, will lead him to the foulest edges of town. There's a photographer in league with the sordid ladies of Sin City, headed by Gail who opens up a mess of trouble after tangling with a corrupt cop. Finally, there's Hartigan, an ex-cop with who's determined to protect a stripper (124 minutes)

Saturday

5 p.m. – Beauty Shop (PG-13) – Starring Queen Latifah and Alicia Silverstone. Gina Norris is a long way from the Barbershop - she's moved to Atlanta so her gifted daughter can attend a prestigious music school and made a name for herself at a posh salon. But when her egotistical boss takes credit for her work, she leaves the salon to open a shop of her own. Gina buys a rundown salon and inherits a motley group of headstrong

stylists, a colorful clientele, and a sexy piano-playing electrician. It's a rocky road to fulfilling her dreams, but you can't keep a good woman down. (105 minutes)

7:30 p.m. – XXX: State of the Union (PG-13)(1st Run) – Starring Ice Cube and Samuel L. Jackson. National Security Agency Agent Augustus Gibbons, fresh off the success of his last renegade recruitment, once again finds himself in need of an outsider. (112 minutes)

Sunday

7 p.m. – XXX: State of the Union (PG-13)(1st Run) – Starring Ice Cube and Samuel L. Jackson. (112 minutes)

Thursday

7 p.m. – Fever Pitch (PG-13) – Starring Drew Barrymore and Jimmy Fallon. (107 minutes)

AT THE M1

Batman Begins (PG-13) — 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m. (134 minutes)

Mr. and Mrs. Smith (PG-13) — 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (122 minutes)

Movie listings are subject to changes. On-base listings are courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/incirlik.htm>; M-1 listings are courtesy of the Tempe Cinemaxx Web site at www.tepecinemaxx.com.tr. For more Oasis information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140.